1	2	3
3A.	Professional (Graduates including Post Graduates) included in Item 2 & 3	—
I.	Science	957.2
II.	Engineering	210.2
III.	Medicine	46.2
IV.	Veterinary	6.7
V.	Agriculture	35.0
VI.	Law	20.6
	GRAND TOTAL 1+2+3	29667.9

Labour reforms

440. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to undertake labour reforms in the context of post-reforms scenario;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the precautions proposed to be taken to protect the genuine interests of the working classes so that they do not fall a prey to the programme of market reforms?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SISH RAM OLA): (a) to (c) Labour Reforms essentially mean taking steps to increase production, productivity and employment opportunities in the economy while protecting overall interests of labour. It implies skill development, retraining, redeployment, updating knowledge base of worker-teachers etc. It may require some changes in labour laws which need to be accomplished after detailed consultations with the social partners with a view to harmonize the interests of all stake holders. Labour Reforms are a continuous process.

Skilled labourers

†441. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified the number

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of those labourers out of the total labour class in the country who could be placed in the category of skilled labourers;

(b) if so, the percentage of skilled labourers assessed in the country at the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the likely percentage of skilled labourers by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SISH RAM OLA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as per the quinquennial survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, vocationally trained persons in the age-group 20-24 years was around 5.35% of the total labour force. Vocationally trained persons include only those who have received vocational training through formal institutional method.

(c) Estimates of skilled labour force in the Tenth Plan will be available only after the completion of the next quinquennial survey by National Sample Survey Organisation during 2004-05.

ILO Report on domestic child labour

442. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation has recently released a report on the World wide problem of children working as domestic labour;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to recognize and regulate the domestic workers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SISH RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the ILO report, recommendations have been made for tackling the various problems of domestic child labour.

(c) Domestic workers are a part of the large unorganised sector. Government feels that a separate legislation to regulate domestic workers is not necessary at this stage.